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NIGHT CARS	
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CANTON (Tat Shee Road)	dep. 7.30	dep. 8.15	dep. 8.45	dep. 9.15	dep. 9.45	dep. 10.15	dep. 10.45	dep. 11.15	dep. 11.45
Shen Chai	arr. 8.45	arr. 9.30	arr. 10.00	arr. 10.30	arr. 11.00	arr. 11.30	arr. 12.00	arr. 12.30	arr. 13.00
Shen Chai	dep. 8.50	dep. 9.35	dep. 10.05	dep. 10.35	dep. 11.05	dep. 11.35	dep. 12.05	dep. 12.35	dep. 13.05
Shen Chai	arr. 9.00	arr. 9.45	arr. 10.15	arr. 10.45	arr. 11.15	arr. 11.45	arr. 12.15	arr. 12.45	arr. 13.15
Shen Chai	dep. 9.10	dep. 9.55	dep. 10.25	dep. 10.55	dep. 11.25	dep. 11.55	dep. 12.25	dep. 12.55	dep. 13.25
Shen Chai	arr. 9.20	arr. 10.05	arr. 10.35	arr. 11.05	arr. 11.35	arr. 12.05	arr. 12.35	arr. 13.05	arr. 13.35
Shen Chai	dep. 9.30	dep. 10.15	dep. 10.45	dep. 11.15	dep. 11.45	dep. 12.15	dep. 12.45	dep. 13.15	dep. 13.45
Shen Chai	arr. 9.40	arr. 10.25	arr. 10.55	arr. 11.25	arr. 11.55	arr. 12.25	arr. 12.55	arr. 13.25	arr. 13.55
Shen Chai	dep. 9.50	dep. 10.35	dep. 11.05	dep. 11.35	dep. 12.05	dep. 12.35	dep. 13.05	dep. 13.35	dep. 14.05
Shen Chai	arr. 10.00	arr. 10.45	arr. 11.15	arr. 11.45	arr. 12.15	arr. 12.45	arr. 13.15	arr. 13.45	arr. 14.15

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Stations	No. 10 Through Express	No. 11 Local	No. 12 Through Express	No. 13 Local	No. 14 Through Express	No. 15 Local	No. 16 Through Express	No. 17 Local	No. 18 Through Express
Shen Chai	dep. 7.30	dep. 8.15	dep. 8.45	dep. 9.15	dep. 9.45	dep. 10.15	dep. 10.45	dep. 11.15	dep. 11.45
Shen Chai	arr. 8.45	arr. 9.30	arr. 10.00	arr. 10.30	arr. 11.00	arr. 11.30	arr. 12.00	arr. 12.30	arr. 13.00
Shen Chai	dep. 8.50	dep. 9.35	dep. 10.05	dep. 10.35	dep. 11.05	dep. 11.35	dep. 12.05	dep. 12.35	dep. 13.05
Shen Chai	arr. 9.00	arr. 9.45	arr. 10.15	arr. 10.45	arr. 11.15	arr. 11.45	arr. 12.15	arr. 12.45	arr. 13.15
Shen Chai	dep. 9.10	dep. 9.55	dep. 10.25	dep. 10.55	dep. 11.25	dep. 11.55	dep. 12.25	dep. 12.55	dep. 13.25
Shen Chai	arr. 9.20	arr. 10.05	arr. 10.35	arr. 11.05	arr. 11.35	arr. 12.05	arr. 12.35	arr. 13.05	arr. 13.35
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Shen Chai	arr. 10.00	arr. 10.45	arr. 11.15	arr. 11.45	arr. 12.15	arr. 12.45	arr. 13.15	arr. 13.45	arr. 14.15

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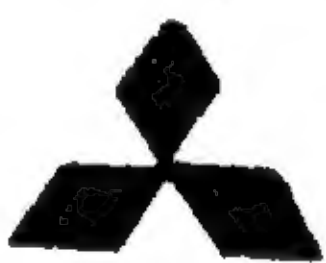
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SUPREME COURT.

THE FOOK ON INSURANCE CO.

At the Supreme Court, yesterday, the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) heard an application from Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. George Hastings) on behalf of the Fook On Insurance Company, of Hongkong, for approval of an extension in the objects of the Company, so that the Company could do banking in all its branches.

Mr. Jenkin said that the full facts of the case and the reasons for the application had been set out in a petition filed on November 15th. The Company was incorporated on January 8th, 1901, as a company limited by shares, the capital being \$1,000,000 divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. All the shares had been issued and paid to the extent of \$30 each. For the last 17 years the Company had carried on business with considerable success. By special resolution, duly passed in accordance with the Companies' Ordinance, 1911, at an extraordinary general meeting held on September 28th, 1918, it was resolved to carry on the business of bankers in all its branches. The petition to the Supreme Court was for an extension of the objects of the Company so as to allow of the terms of the resolution being carried out. In the course of carrying on its business the Company had accumulated a reserve fund of undivided profits to the extent of nearly 97,000, besides its originally called up capital, and had paid dividends amounting to a total of \$500,716. The Company had invested over \$300,000 in house property in Hongkong, Shanghai and Bangkok, and had obtained mortgages to the extent of \$200,000. The Company had no debts except that it is usually indebted to general creditors and on account of salaries, etc., to the extent of about \$7,000.

His Lordship: It is not intended to have a note issued? Mr. Jenkin: No.

Mr. Jenkin then read extracts from an affidavit made by Tang Tung (Chick) to the effect that all the requirements of the Companies' Ordinance governing such applications, had been carried out. Mr. Jenkin said the resolution had been passed for the convenience and at the desire of the Company's customers. Further, at the extraordinary general meetings which were held for passing and confirming the resolution, the feeling of the meeting in its favour was unanimous. Mr. Jenkin added that the Court had granted several similar requests in the past. One of the most recent cases was that of the Sun Company, Universal Providers, who asked for and were granted permission to include insurance, ship-owning and building, theatrical promoting and banking in the objects of their Company.

A DEAL IN METAL.

At the Supreme Court, yesterday, the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) heard the preliminary discussion on a civil action, the hearing of which had been definitely fixed for yesterday.

In this, the plaintiffs, Tong Sang & Co., of Japan, claim \$10,537.85 from the Tin Wan Cheung firm. In their statement of claim they submitted that the defendants sold, and they (the plaintiffs) bought, to sell, defendants 30 tons of metal. The defendants warranted and agreed in writing that the metal was of the standard quality from the Tung Chun smelter mine, and undertook to reduce the price in proportion to its quality should the metal be below the standard, or not genuine. The plaintiffs paid \$15,000 to the defendants on account of the metal on or about May 15th and 16th, 1916. The plaintiffs then shipped the metal to Japan and sold it at a profit of \$5.00 per picul, being the market price in Japan, and on or about 7th June, 1916, learnt that the metal was entirely different from the Tung Chun metal supplied by defendants on a previous occasion and that the buyers in Japan refused delivery. The plaintiffs thereupon reported this to the defendants who requested them to enquire of Messrs. Ataka & Co., in Japan, the percentages of lead, iron and zinc in the said metal, and what the reduced price should be. Inquiry from Japan elicited the report that the quantities were irregular and that the metal was under analysis. Subsequently the plaintiffs learnt that the metal was of very inferior quality and contained a percentage of iron greatly in excess of, and a percentage of lead greatly below, the standard quantities, and that Messrs. Ataka & Co. were preparing to reship it to Hongkong. When this was communicated to the defendants they asked the plaintiffs to arrange for the sale of the metal at such a price as could be obtained. The plaintiffs did so, and suffered damage to the extent of \$11,550. They offered to give credit to the defendants in the sum of \$1,012.15, the balance of the original purchase price, and claimed \$10,537.85 as costs.

In their statement of defence the defendants admit that they sold to the plaintiffs 30 tons of Tung Chun white lead, and say that it was of standard quality. The defendants were not aware that the said white lead was to be sold in Japan. They deny the allegations that they asked the plaintiffs to sell the metal in Japan at such a price as could be obtained and state that the white lead delivered by them satisfied the contract in all respects.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood) for the defendants.

Mr. Potter said he had to ask for an adjournment of the case, the defendant, of course, paying full costs for the adjournment.

His Lordship said that there was no question of adjournment. It was an *ex parte* case and had been fixed for hearing.

Mr. Potter submitted that it was only on Monday that Mr. Haywood, defendant's solicitor, was asked by the defendant to have the case postponed, for the reason that the defendants had been ill for several months and had not been able to deal with solicitors.

His Lordship: Have you any merits? Mr. Potter: Many, my Lord. (Laughter.)

After reading from an affidavit by the defendants praying for the adjournment of the action, Mr. Potter said that this was one case in which both counsel and solicitor could fairly claim that they were not to blame in making such an application.

His Lordship: In other words, your merits can be summed up in the word "maskee"?

Mr. Potter agreed that the defendants were solely to blame and all he could do, if he wanted an adjournment, was to offer to pay for it. As the Hongkong representative of the defendants was ill, he supposed he was entitled to an adjournment. As a matter of fact, if his application was not granted, the action would remain undefended and, perhaps, some injustice might be done.

His Lordship: Has the defence been filed? Mr. Potter: Yes, but we deny certain statements made by the plaintiffs.

His Lordship: I will hear Mr. Alabaster. If I grant the application it will be on the ground that the defendants pay the costs of the adjournment immediately.

Mr. Alabaster said that if he agreed to an adjournment at all it would be only if the defendants paid the costs immediately. He did not think it was a case in which an adjournment should be granted at all. The affidavit made by the defendant amounted, he thought, to impertinence. The chief defendant was present in Court, and if he wanted to defend the action he should do so. The chief defendant had been in Hongkong all the while, and had instructed his solicitors up to a stage. He stated in the affidavit that he was ill, but he was present in Court and His Lordship might like to test the truth of his statement in the witness-box. He did not look ill at all. Anyway, Mr. Alabaster thought the defendants should have given full instructions to their solicitors, instead of making an appearance to them only a day before the hearing was to take place.

His Lordship said there was a refreshing candour in the sixth paragraph of the defendant's affidavit, in which he said that he did not know of the practice of English courts, though quite familiar with the procedure in Chinese courts.

Mr. Alabaster said that possibly, in Chinese courts, these cases never get to trial. Anyway, the man was now dealing with English courts, and he could not expect to find himself in the same delightful position he would have been in the courts of his country. Mr. Alabaster added that he would consent to an adjournment if the defendants would pay into Court the amount claimed—or, at least, a reasonable share of it—to prove their *bona fides*, as well as the costs of the adjournment. He suggested that the defendants should pay \$3,000.

His Lordship asked whether the chief defendant had been all the time in Hongkong. Mr. Alabaster replied that this was so. The Hongkong representative had intended to give evidence supporting his own statement of defence.

His Lordship observed that at one time the defendants had seemed very anxious to finish the case.

Mr. Alabaster said that that was because the plaintiffs had to get certain particulars from Japan. Almost immediately afterwards he asked for further time to file his defence.

His Lordship asked whether the sum claimed was liquidated.

Mr. Alabaster replied in the negative. The plaintiffs could prove the amount.

His Lordship said it was one of those cases in which he was half inclined to refuse the application. He would only give his consent on the understanding that the defendants paid \$1,000 into Court, and paid, also, the costs of the adjournment.

Mr. Potter said that, in regard to Mr. Alabaster's submission that \$5,000 should be paid into Court to prove that the defendant was *bona fide*, the best proof of the *bona fides* of his client was the fact of his having made the application for an adjournment. If he had not asked that the matter be adjourned, he would have had judgment given against him, and the chief defendant could have easily left the country, so that, then, plaintiffs would have been in no better position than if they had not obtained judgment.

His Lordship observed that there was nothing to stop him leaving the Colony. Mr. Potter said that that was exactly his point. It proved his *bona fides* that he had filed a statement of defence and asked for an adjournment of the hearing. If, were, he thought, a great hardship to ask the defendants to bring the money into Court. The plaintiffs had all they were entitled to have in getting costs.

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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

YESTERDAY'S CASES.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.), presided over a sitting of the Bankruptcy Court, yesterday, when the following cases were heard:—

ALBERT ABRAHAM.

The Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Nesbit) said that the debtor had paid a dividend of 60 per cent., and there were funds for the payment of a further 10 per cent. The debtors conduct had been satisfactory and his discharge was asked for.

His Lordship granted the request.

THE KO FAT NAM FIRM.

The Official Receiver said this was a case where an interim receiver had been appointed. The debtor's liabilities amounted to \$108,000 and his assets to \$69,000.

Mr. G. R. Haywood, appearing for the petitioning creditor, said he understood that the assets amounted to \$1,000 only, which arose from collection of book debts.

The Official Receiver opposed a receiving order, and the petition was dismissed.

LI HOI SHAN.

In his public examination, the debtor stated that his assets were \$14,000 and his liabilities \$28,000. He attributed his insolvency to non-payment for goods sold. The cheque for payment was stopped, it being claimed that the goods were not up to sample.

The examination was closed.

THE HING LUNG FIRM.

The debtor stated, in his public examination, that he was sole master of the business. His liabilities were \$62,000 and his assets \$25,000. He attributed his insolvency to paying heavy interest borrowed money. The examination was closed.

LAM KIN SANG.

In his public examination, the debtor said his liabilities amounted to \$300,000 and his assets to \$400,000 in the shape of book debts. His business was sold for \$92,000. There were no partners in his firm.

Cross-examined by Mr. Haywood, who had been appointed outside trustee, debtor said his brothers, although they put money in the business and signed a mortgage deed as partners in the firm, were not actually partners. The business was left him by his father when the latter died.

After further examination, the hearing was closed.

OTHER CASES.

Augusto Domingo Soares—adjudicated bankrupt.

Carlos Henrique Cheves—adjudicated bankrupt.

Tang Shing Cheung—received his discharge.

Leung Kin Sang—the hearing of this petition was adjourned.

Sun Kua Kue—the Official Receiver was appointed trustee.

King Lung Shing—hearing of petition adjourned.

Chau Yee Nam—receiving order rescinded.

Fuk Sang—receiving order made.

His Lordship said the defendants had been guilty of gross neglect.

Mr. Potter agreed, but he did not think the defendants should be taxed to the extent of paying the money into Court. What he wished to propose was that the plaintiffs would be in a better position by the money being paid into Court. As far as he knew, the only instance in which a defendant was asked to pay money into Court was when, on his statement of defence, he showed that he had no *bona fide* defence. If the plaintiffs were paid their costs, it would put them in the same position as before the application.

His Lordship inquired of the defendants were in a position to pay the costs. Mr. Potter said that he was instructed that defendants could pay the amount if the Court made a peremptory order that it be paid, say, within a week. It would be a serious hardship, he asserted, if the defendants were asked to pay \$1,000 into Court.

His Lordship said the majority of judges would have thrown out the application on that affidavit. He thought he was dealing leniently.

Mr. Potter said it seemed to him that the man was being penalised for his honesty. He might have said that he never got the solicitor's letters. He could have said he was out of the Colony. As matters stood, the chief defendant freely sold the truth and now asked for an adjournment. Supposing the man could not pay the amount required, and said so. Then judgment, he supposed, would go against him by default. He thought the Court had no authority for the course now being taken.

His Lordship said that his only authority was that if the defendants did not acquiesce to the conditions of the Court then the Court would not grant his request.

Mr. Potter submitted, with all deference, that the Court had no authority for such a course. The usual course for an adjournment to be granted on the condition that the side which asked for it paid the costs of the other side.

His Lordship said it was absolutely essential that, in the Colony, the Chinese should learn that the Court would have things done regularly and properly. He would grant the application if the defendants paid plaintiffs' costs for the day (\$100) and also paid \$1,000 into Court, within fourteen days.

CANTON RED CROSS LOTTERY.

THE WINNING NUMBERS.

The following is the list of winning numbers in the Canton Red Cross Lottery, the tickets, for which, priced at \$1, were freely sold in the Colony:—

1st Prize ... No. 10,620 ... \$16,040
2nd " ... " 07,094 ... 4,160
3rd " ... " 24,127 ... 2,080
4th " ... " 24,564 ... 1,000
5th " ... " 41,339 ... 500
6th " ... " 13,091 ... 500

Thirty-two prizes of \$100 each:—Nos. 3520, 7294, 24630, 33030, 10195, 22940, 19884, 12835, 5964, 30859, 24061, 0750, 18306, 38742, 43043, 332, 23929, 6937, 16588, 41906, 16528, 38384, 41331, 31720, 17118, 34136, 30639, 9037, 16609, 31902, 020 and 7229.

Sixty-two prizes of \$50 each:—Nos. 46300, 1544, 22949, 24067, 6870, 33116, 11143, 9189, 4459, 27871, 9147, 13829, 37847, 31674, 433, 18404, 30518, 32469, 13731, 9709, 28481, 14941, 5129, 28309, 24979, 18204, 30744, 10059, 30008, 28230, 20001, 11001, 46743, 16423, 2508, 7521, 3127, 7267, 15168, 18272, 21006, 9008, 4150, 9372, 28691, 16123, 3360, 15060, 28452, 12582, 32334, 22859, 30116, 14185, 12666, 17963, 11869, 35580, 25802, 27627, 10840 and 10263.

JEWELLERY WORTH \$5,000 STOLEN BY SERVANTS.

EUROPEAN VICTIMISED.

While Mr. A. W. Hill, First Bailiff of the Supreme Court, and his wife were at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday morning, two of their servants—the cook and house-boy—stole jewellery to the value of \$5,000 from the house in Wong Nei Chong Road. The jewellery included a gold and heart-shaped brooch, set with diamonds, valued at \$1,000.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hill returned home they found the two servants missing and the safe broken. The Wanchai Police were immediately informed of the robbery, and the Canton and Macao boats were carefully watched. Two detectives have been sent to Macao and Canton to trace the thieves.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE SERVICES.

The following additional contributions to the above Fund are acknowledged with thanks:—

Mr. A. David \$ 50.00
Mr. A. E. Griffin 50.00
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\$2,600.40

OPIUM CASES.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. J. B. Wood, a Chinese engineer of the *Kwai Sang*, who was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium dross, failed to appear. Mr. Wood estimated his bail of \$150.

A Chinese cook on board the *Kwai Sang* was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium dross.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, on behalf of the defendant, applied for a short remand. Mr. Wood agreed, fixing bail at \$150.

A Chinese youth was charged with being in unlawful possession of four taels of opium.

Defendant stated that another man gave him the opium to carry. Mr. Wood fined defendant \$300, with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

INDECENT HAND BILLS.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. J. B. Wood, a Chinese doctor was charged with distributing indecent hand-bills.

Defendant stated that the bills referred to some medicinal drugs, for which he was the agent.

Mr. Wood: The paper is full of indecent matter.

Defendant: The Company sent them to me. They are instructions for specific treatment of diseases.

Mr. Wood: The distribution of printed matter of this sort is an offence. It does not matter whether you distribute it along with the pills or not. You are fined \$50.

The *fok*, who was next charged with distributing the bills, was fined \$5.

SERVICES ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

The Treasurer of the Services Entertainment Fund (the Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, R.N.) gratefully acknowledges the following monthly subscriptions for the period ended December 17th:—

Mr. J. M. Gordon \$ 5
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" M. S. " 10
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NOTICE.

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D. W. TRATMAN,
Superintendent,
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Hongkong, December 18th, 1918. [2809]

NOTICE.

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[2742]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
HONGKONG BRANCH.

I HAVE This Day handed over Charge of this Office to Mr. S. YASUDA.
B. MOHI,
Manager,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong Branch,
Hongkong, December 18th, 1918. [2798]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
HONGKONG BRANCH.

I HAVE This Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the Company's Business at this port.
S. YASUDA,
Manager,
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong Branch,
Hongkong, December 18th, 1918. [2799]

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

THE Under-signed will not be Responsible for any Debts contracted by Members of the crew of the auxiliary motor schooner "PALAWAN."
P. E. SOUTHARD,
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[2787]

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[2755]

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[2791]

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[2818]

INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per Share for account 1918-19 will be payable on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1918. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, at St. George's Buildings, Hongkong.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 1918, to SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1918, both days inclusive.
GORDON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, December 14th, 1918. [2801]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 6812 of the above Company for 100 Shares of the Company numbered 10438/82, 26992/26914, 26230/50, 26410/9 and 26684/93 in the name of Solomon Sassoon BENJAMIN dated the 17th day of May, 1917, has been CANCELLED by the Company and no rights thereunder will henceforth be recognized. A New Certificate for the said Shares has been issued to and in the name of the said Solomon Sassoon BENJAMIN in place of the Original Certificate referred to above.
Dated the 16th day of December, 1918.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager,
THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
[2803]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE No. 43/224, dated Hongkong 1st July, 1907, for Five Shares numbered 85159 to 85163 inclusive, all registered in the name of ANNIE MARION HARVEY, has been LOST or STOLEN and should this Provisional Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 5th January, 1919, a new Certificate for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Provisional Certificate No. 43/224 will thereafter be treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.
By the Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STARR,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, December 6th, 1918. [2756]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be CLOSED from the 23rd day of December 1918, to the 31st December 1918, both days inclusive.
The Rights to Shares in the New Company will accrue to the Shareholders who are on the Register on the 30th day of December, 1918.
All intending transfers should be sent in on or before the 21st December, 1918.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Manager,
[2802]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chapter Road, Victoria, HONGKONG, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of DECEMBER, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th day of December, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions—

- (1) That it is desirable to reconstruct this Company, and accordingly that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Hugh Frank Campbell of St. George's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchant, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up at a remuneration of One hundred dollars.
- (2) That the General Managers of this Company, be authorized and requested to form and procure to be incorporated, a new Company to be called the "China Light & Power Company (1918), Ltd." (of which they shall be appointed by Agreement General Managers) with the objects (inter alia) of acquiring the undertaking, business, goodwill, machinery, plant, book-debts and all other assets whatsoever of this Company, and of carrying on business in or near Kowloon and/or elsewhere if thought desirable with Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co. Hongkong, and their successors in business as General Managers so long as the General Managers for the time being (if a corporation) or (if an unincorporated firm) any one or more partner or partners in the firm of the General Managers individually or collectively shall hold not less than one thousand shares of the Company.
- (3) That the proposed Memorandum and Articles of such new Company submitted to this meeting be and the same are hereby approved and that the Liquidator be authorized to consent to the registration of such new Company with such Memorandum and Articles accordingly.
- (4) That the draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting (marked "A") and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part and The China Light & Power Company (1918), Ltd., of the other part be approved; and that the Liquidator be authorized pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance, 1914, to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) in the terms of the said draft and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as he with the approval of the General Managers of the new Company thinks fit.
- (5) That the Liquidator be authorized to obtain advances from the General Managers of any monies requisite upon such terms as he thinks fit.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1918.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
[2792]

INTIMATIONS

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES" will be received at this Office until Noon, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) the 18th day of DECEMBER, 1918, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1919.
Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bond fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.
The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.
Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

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Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Deposit required with tender.
Tsai Tsz Mai No. 2	12.02	250
Shaokwan Nos. 3 and 4	73.90	800
Hok Un No. 6	8.44	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 7	0.70	200
Do No. 8	4.60	500
Jordan Road Nos. 10	4.88	200
Yanauai No. 11	2.98	130
Ngaui Tau Kok No. 6	2.00	200
Do Nos. 1-5, 7, 8		
Do Nos. 10, 15		
Do Nos. 20 & 25	10.12	350
Do Nos. 11-14		
Do Nos. 21 & 22	3.80	100
Cha Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30	24.86	500
Sai Tau Wan Nos. 1-10	16.53	140
Lyenau Nos. 1-25	26.44	600
Do No. 26	2.10	40
Fuk Tsz Hing No. 12	4.29	250
Tsai No. 1	2.35	40

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DEATH.

FISHER.—At Bombay, in October, 1918, from pneumonia, Eric Whitmore Fisher, Lieut. I.A.R.O., formerly attached 74th Punjab, Hongkong. Deeply regretted by his brother officers and all ranks. [2808]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 121, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1918.

THE EMPIRE FOLLOWS HONGKONG'S LEAD.

THE British are such an easy-going and magnanimous race that even after the war had been in progress some time fears were expressed that when the day of reckoning arrived they would be found ready to forgive and forget the crimes which Germany had committed. Only twenty months ago, when the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce moved a resolution in favour of the total exclusion of the Germans from this Colony for ten years after the war and their subsequent admission only under strict licence, he was ridiculed by the official majority. The Attorney-General declared that sentiment was "a very poor guide amongst the cold, hard facts of economics." H.E. the General Officer Commanding denounced the motion as "quite contrary to the idea of a lasting peace," and H.E. the Governor ventured the opinion that if he could communicate the proposal to "the really great men of the past," in the words of a popular song "they would never believe me." To make it perfectly clear that the official phalanx was acting on its own convictions, His Excellency declared: "We have no intention of accepting this resolution because it deals with an Imperial matter." The Government soon learned that its convictions were not shared by the European community, for a crowded meeting at the Theatre Royal enthusiastically endorsed the motion which the Legislative Council had rejected; and this decision was reaffirmed at the mass meeting held during the recent Armistice celebrations. Since Hongkong first made its voice heard on this subject similar opinions have been expressed in

all parts of the British Empire by municipal corporations, representative commercial organisations, and public assemblies. Recently our neighbours in British Malaya have joined in the chorus. The Planters' Association, the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Council of Malaya have each expressed themselves in terms identical with those employed by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. The Chairman of the Planters' Association, in commending this course to his fellow members, remarked that the German people were no better than their leaders. They cheered their leaders at the outbreak of war and would cheer them to-day if they had been victorious. Who can doubt this when he recalls the jubilation with which the Germans in this part of the world greeted the news of the sinking of the *Luftland*? It is worthy of note that the Governor of the Straits Settlements and High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States has announced that personally he is in sympathy with the demand for exclusion, and the ruling chiefs have expressed themselves in entire agreement with the opinion that the room of the German is to be preferred to his company. At a luncheon given at the Mansion House, York, General Sir J. E. MAXWELL (Northern Command), unlike Major-General VENTURA, said he hoped that Mr. W. M. HUGHES "would see to it that no German again trespassed upon the Motherland or her Dependencies," and the Premier of Australia, in a characteristically outspoken response, left no doubt as to his attitude on the subject. "I cannot conceive," he declared, "that a people who for forty years prepared for war and rushed upon their neighbours with malignant fury, like some wild beast seizing its prey to rend and devour it, have suddenly changed have donned the spotless robe of peace and become angels of light."

I shall believe it and accept them for what they say they wish to be when we have drawn their fangs, taken out their claws, and left them impotent." The cables to-day tell us of crowded and enthusiastic public meetings at Maritzburg and Kimberley demanding not merely the repatriation of the Germans interned in South Africa but also the retention of the ex-German Colonies, evidently in order that the enemy may be removed not only from their midst but from their proximity. Already it has been announced by the Prime Minister that the "Germans domiciled in England will never again have the opportunity of betraying the country," and that a Bill will be introduced into Parliament to enable the Government to exclude the nationals of such countries as it may deem expedient. Apart from sentiment, therefore, it would appear as though it is not considered even economically sound to encourage a race of spies, politico-commercial schemers, and sedition-mongers. Hongkong will always be able to congratulate itself upon having given the Empire a lead in this matter, for it will be remembered that when the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK told the Legislative Council, in April of last year, that he believed Australia, Canada, and New Zealand had already indicated their wishes in no uncertain manner, H.E. the Governor replied that he read his newspapers and Parliamentary papers very diligently and he had "not seen any suggestion from anywhere that Germans should actually be excluded from the King's Dominions after the war." What Hongkong thought two years ago the Empire thinks to-day.

Major C. SCOTLAND, M.C., R.A.M.C., who was in Hongkong with the Shropshire Regiment, has been given a B. to his Military Cross.

News has been received by letter of that Miss K. CRAIDOCK, who is well-known in Hongkong, was quietly married to Mr. R. M. WHITTALL, formerly of the Union Insurance Co., on October 7th.

To see a Chinese drunk and disorderly in the streets is rare. One Chinese, however, had a royal time at a wedding feast, and afterwards behaved in boisterous fashion. He was produced before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistracy, yesterday, and fined \$5.

The *Empress of Russia*, *Empress of Asia*, *Empress of Japan* and *Monteagle*, having been released by Government, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., will resume its full service from Hongkong to Vancouver via usual ports of call from February—March next.

La Minerva Co., of Manila, which recently (through Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.) sent two chests of tobacco for distribution among troops at the discretion of the Hongkong War Charities Committee, has very generously duplicated the gift. All four chests have been allocated for the use of the troops in Siberia.

The Police have received a report from a ricksha coolie that, whilst returning from Shamshui on the night of the 16th instant, he was attacked by two robbers, who stole from him \$1.24. One of his assailants attacked him with a large wooden pipe, inflicting several bruises on his body. The complainant is now an inmate of the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Mr. C. Champkin, who has acted as manager of the local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India for the past three years, leaves for Singapore by the *Fan Waerwick* at the end of the present month to take charge of the branch there. He will be succeeded in this Colony by Mr. Sandes, from Bombay. Mr. Champkin was entertained at a farewell dinner, last night, by a few intimate friends.

The American Consul General has received notice that the Executive Order of the United States Government establishing a defensive area among and around the Philippine Islands has been withdrawn and the defensive arrangements discontinued as from December 18th. The Naval patrol at the entrance of Manila Bay has been withdrawn, and all previous port regulations have become effective.

The following cases of communicable diseases were notified in the Colony during the week ended December 15th: Cerebro-spinal fever, 1 (1 death); enteric fever, 3 (1 death); diphtheria, 4 (1 death). One case of enteric and two cases of diphtheria were British. On Sunday and Monday one case of diphtheria and two cases (one death) of enteric fever, including a British case, were reported.

Mr. F. W. G. Clark, of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., has been appointed Corresponding Member of Council for Hongkong and South China of the Junior Institution of Engineers. The Headquarters of the Institution are in London, but its activities are world-wide, and local sections have been established in various centres both at home and abroad. Mr. Clark will be pleased to receive communications from Engineers in these parts who are interested in, or wish to become, members of the Institution.

A gathering representative of every community in the Colony and especially of the Japanese community, attended an "At Home" which was given, yesterday, on board the *Fushimi Maru* by Mr. B. Mori, till recently the Hongkong manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, who is under transfer to Osaka, and Mr. S. Yasuda, who succeeds him in Hongkong. The steamer was gallantly decorated. The upper deck was arranged with tables containing every conceivable delicacy, and the string band of the ship entertained the guests with some pleasing music.

THE INCHCAPE SELL.

[Lord Inchcape said the coming decade in the Dominions would be one of immense production; we were more likely to see that there were three jobs for one man than three men for one job.—Reuter.]

Dominions, away with your cares, And mop the sad tear from your eye! For his Lordship of Inchcape declares That an era of plenty is nigh.

He assures you all persons of sense Have wonderful fortunes in store, As production will now be immense To make up for the wastage of war.

No more shall capitalists rob The workmen of all that they can, For, instead of three men for one job, Three jobs will await every man.

Yet half of us here in Hongkong Have been doing three jobs for two years, And we just pass a warning along That it is not the catch it appears.

So, in vain in the sight of the bird Is the net of the Fowler displayed— You may count our arrival deferred Till we hear if all three will be paid.
E. W. H.

In the second round of the Palace Hotel billiard tournament, last night, Mr. R. Gutmarus beat Mr. J. Coaker by 200-172. To-night Mr. T. Hart meets Mr. I. Goodman.

THE WAR.

ALLIES WILL NOT OCCUPY GERMANY.

AMERICA'S SHARE IN WORLD RECONSTRUCTION.

VISCOUNT GREY ON THE "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS."

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL ASSASSINATED.

SOUTH AFRICA DEMANDS REPATRIATION OF THE GERMANS.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PRESIDENT WILSON IN PARIS

AN UNPRECEDENTED WELCOME.

PARIS, December 16th.

A Havas message says: President Wilson's arrival in Paris yesterday was marked with scenes of unprecedented enthusiasm. He was rapturously welcomed. Paris truly voiced her expression of the ties binding the two greatest Republics. No head of a foreign State ever received such a reception.

At mid-day, President Wilson was the guest at a luncheon at the Elysee, when President Poincaré said that peace must be a reparation of the past, and a guarantee against the perils of the future.

President Wilson's first public utterance in Paris embodied the thought of a guaranteed peace which all civilization awaits.

THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES

After expressing his horror at the ruin wrought by the brutal enemy, he said: "I appreciate the necessity of such action, in the final settlement of the issues of the war, as will not only rebuke such acts of terror and spoliation, but will make men everywhere aware that they such acts cannot be ventured upon without a certainty of just punishment."

The French Press notes that the whole problem of peace conditions is in such a sentence.

MEMORABLE SCENES IN PARIS.

LONDON, December 16th.

President Wilson is the guest of France, whose sentiment and respect for the chief representative and the spokesman of the American people shows her intense gratitude for the decisive part which America, under the President's wise and firm guidance, played in the work of crushing German militarism.

It is significant that the President will visit the Front and the devastated regions. There could be no better preparation for the Peace Conference than seeing the razed villages, the demolished factories, the desolate wastes, gathering information of the Germans' inhumanity.

Reprisals for the wrongs committed and vindication, the right to safeguard peace; the time for these was coming.

"CITIZEN OF PARIS."

The Paris City Council, amid enthusiastic cheering, yesterday, conferred on President Wilson the title of "Citizen of Paris."

Marshal Joffre said that France was grateful for what President Wilson can still do. Thousands of Frenchmen were spared by the United States' entry into the war.

President Wilson, in reply to M. Stephen Pichon's address of welcome at Brest said that it was a privilege to come to France and contribute to a peace enabling France to again move on the onward path of progress.

On his arrival this morning magnificent Paris never viewed such crowds, who acclaimed the visitor with indescribable enthusiasm. President Wilson smiled his acknowledgment during the long run from the station to Prince Murat's house.

AMERICAN ASPIRATIONS.

INTERESTING "ROUND TABLE" SUGGESTIONS.

LONDON, December 12th.

The *Quarterly Review* and *Round Table* urges that the United States should take her full share, and accept equal responsibilities for the right management of the new world order after the war.

It proposes that America should become a definite trustee of civilization in the Middle East, and definitely undertake a leading part in the reconstruction of Russia.

The *Round Table* thinks that a detachment of the United States would render her an ideal custodian of the Dardanelles and a preserver of the autonomy of Armenia, Arabia and Persia, while her vast Jewish population would pre-eminently fit her to protect Palestine.

Her position between India and Europe would remove all British objections to the necessary irrigation and railway developments of these regions.

Moreover, says the *Round Table*, she has the capital for these works, while Great Britain would be hard pressed to find enough for the vast territories she already controls.

If America undertook this task, she could do more for the reconstruction of Russia from the Black Sea than from the Pacific alone.

THE NAVY OF 1925.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.

Addressing the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, Admiral Badger, of the General Board of the Navy, urged the granting of appropriations sufficient to make the American Navy, in 1925, as large as any other.

He declared that if America had fought the present war alone her lack of ships would have proved fatal.

America would pay Great Britain £10 for every American soldier transported overseas in British ships.

SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GERMANS.

REPATRIATION OF ALIEN ENEMIES DEMANDED.

MARITZBURG, December 12th.

A crowded and very enthusiastic meeting passed a resolution demanding the repatriation of the interned enemies, punishment for ill-treatment of Allied war prisoners, and the retention of the ex-German colonies.

KIMBERLEY, December 12th.

A mass meeting passed a resolution requesting the Imperial Government to demand the punishment of all persons, from the highest to the lowest, who were responsible for the inhuman treatment to Allied prisoners. The meeting also demanded that the Union Government should repatriate all interned enemies.

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL ASSASSINATED.

INFURIATED CROWD LYNCHES MURDERER.

LISBON, December 15th.

The President, Dr. Sidonio Pais, was assassinated at midnight, while going to a railway station on his way to Oporto.

Three revolver bullets hit Dr. Pais. The infuriated crowd lynched the assassin. Dr. Pais died at an ambulance station. [Dr. Pais who was the leader of the revolution of December, 1917, was elected President in April, 1918. He was at one time Professor of Mathematics at the University of Coimbra, and some years later, was Portuguese Minister at Berlin.]

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FORMED.

LONDON, December 16th.

His Majesty's deep regrets at the assassination of Dr. Pais have been conveyed to the Portuguese Legation.

The Legation has announced that a Provisional Government has been formed under the presidency of Senhor Casares, Minister of Marine and Foreign Affairs. Parliament is meeting on December 16th.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE OF SOVIETS.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th.

A telegram from Berlin states that the Workers' Councils in Berlin have elected seven Majority Socialists, five Independents and one Intellectual as delegates to the Imperial Conference of Soviets.

The Soldiers' Councils in Berlin have elected four Majority Socialists and two Independents, and are unanimously protesting against the summoning of the Reichstag as treason, and demanding that the President of the Reichstag be called to account.

GERMANY AND THE EX-KAISER.

COPENHAGEN, December 15th.

M. Hette, interviewed by the *Politiken's* correspondent, said that the German Government had taken no decision regarding the extradition of the Kaiser.

He contended that the Government was powerful and able to maintain order; therefore they were entitled to recognition by the *Entente*.

GERMANY POWERLESS TO TAKE UP ARMS.

He repudiated the idea prevalent in France that Germany is still capable of taking up arms.

HERR LEDEBOUR DISAGREES.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th.

A telegram from Geneva states that Herr Ledebour has withdrawn from the Independent Socialist Party, owing to his disagreeing with the Party's attitude toward the German Cabinet.

A SECRET CROWN COUNCIL AT POTSDAM.

AMSTERDAM, December 15th.

A telegram from Berlin states that Herr Haase has stated that secret documents in the German Foreign Office do not confirm the existence of a secret Crown Council at Potsdam.

The first portion of the documents dealing with the events up to the German invasion of Belgium will be published shortly.

NEW SEAMEN'S COUNCIL AT HAMBURG.

COPENHAGEN, December 15th.

A new Seamen's Council has been formed in Hamburg. It demands the control of the entire Mercantile Fleet, and threatens to sink every ship unless all its demands are met.

Further rioting is reported at Hamburg owing to the refusal of the British to negotiate with the Seamen's Council.

GENERAL SMUTS RESIGNS.

A "DAILY EXPRESS" STATEMENT.

LONDON, December 16th.

The *Daily Express* states that General Smuts has resigned from the War Cabinet because the war is ended.

General Smuts was offered and declined the Palestine Command before Sir Edmund Allenby.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

WOMEN'S AND SOLDIERS' VOTE.

LONDON, December 16th.

Apart from the strength of the women's vote, the uncertainty of the soldiers' vote makes it impossible to forecast individual results.

The soldiers of Britain polled strongly. The returning officers received sacks of ballot papers from camps prior to Dec. 14th and the soldiers still have a few days to vote, hence the candidates must assured of local triumph admit that the soldiers may upset their calculations.

The proxy voting on December 14th on behalf of sailors and soldiers abroad is apparently a failure.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVES.

TOKIO, December 15th.

The Japanese Delegates to the Peace Conference have started for Paris via San Francisco.

BRITISH DELEGATES.

LONDON, December 16th.

It is expected that Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Balfour and other Ministers will go to Paris on December 21st.

The Peace Conference will probably open at Versailles on January 1st.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES FORECASTED.

PARIS, December 16th.

M. Marcel Hatin forecasts that the French plenipotentiaries at the Peace Conference will be M. Clemenceau, M. Pichon, Marshal Foch, M. Leon Bourgeois, who is a specialist regarding the League of Nations, also M. Tardieu of the Commission for Franco-American relations.

AERIAL PROGRESS.

COMING WONDERS IN THE AIR.

LONDON, December 12th.

The Civil Aerial Transport Committee states that in the immediate future the commercial airship will offer great advantages over the aeroplane, particularly concerning passengers, where comfort, ease of navigation and safety are vital considerations.

Airships now exist with a range of over 4,000 miles at a speed of 78 miles per hour, but, by running engines slower, the maximum range is 8,000 miles.

Under the first speed, Cape Town is today aerially only over three days from Southampton, while this ship could fly the Atlantic passage and return without a stop.

The Committee points out that in the future the airship will soon develop a speed of 100 miles per hour and will be fitted with ample salons and state-rooms, with a lift to the roof garden. These will be able to remain in the air for over a week.

AEROPLANE FLIGHT TO INDIA.

PARIS, December 16th.

A Havas message says:—The British aeroplane which left Ipswich on a flight to Karachi, India, arrived at Le Bourget yesterday.

The journey may be made in seven stages.

KARACHI REACHED.

LONDON, December 12th.

Major-General Salmond has arrived in Karachi from Cairo, by Handley Page aeroplane, to confer with the Indian Government upon the establishment of an aerial service to India.

The aeroplane employed flew from England to Egypt, thence via Cairo to Baghdad. The journey from Cairo to Karachi, 2,548 miles, occupied 36 hours of actual flying time.

Major-General Salmond is General Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force in the Middle East.

He will continue his flight to Delhi, which he is undertaking in the ordinary course of his aerial duty. He does not attempt to break records.

THE EX-AUSTRIAN EMPEROR FROM KING TO CANDIDATE.

COPENHAGEN, December 16th.

A telegram from Vienna says that ex-Emperor Karl intends to be a candidate at the forthcoming elections for the Austrian National Assembly.

DEMOCRATIC CABINET IN BULGARIA.

SOFIA, December 17th.

SOME IMPORTANT INNOVATIONS.

A new Democratic Cabinet has been formed, with M. Theodoroff as Premier and Foreign Minister, including a Civilian War Minister, which is an important Democratic innovation.

THE ARMISTICE. BRITISH WARNING.

COPENHAGEN, December 16th.

A telegram from Kiel states that it is reported that Admiral Browning has intimated that Germany must be prepared for the British occupation of Heligoland unless the naval terms of the Armistice are carried out.

GERMANY TRYING TO INCREASE ALLIES DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, December 12th.

According to *Le Matin* the German Delegates at Treves asked not only for an extension of the Armistice, but for an extension of the area occupied by the Allies in order to "assist the German authorities."

The Allies refused the latter request, which, it is pointed out, was intended to induce the Allies to embark on a much wider military scheme with resulting complications and difficulties.

ALLIES WILL NOT OCCUPY GERMANY.

The *Echo de Paris* utters a warning against the German assertions that the Allies contemplate occupying the whole of Germany.

It points out that the German Government would have much to gain from the difficulties which would result for the Allies.

FRENCH DEMOBILISATION. OVER A MILLION BY FEBRUARY.

PARIS, December 15th.

A Havas message says:—The Under Secretary for Demobilisation stated that 1,200,000 men would be sent home before February.

OBITUARY.

LORD EDWARD CECIL.

LONDON, December 16th.

The death is announced of Lord Edward Cecil.

[Lord Edward Cecil, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., was Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government in 1912. He served with the Dongola Expeditionary Force, and, after accompanying a special mission to King Monk of Abyssinia, served through the Egyptian campaign of 1918 and the Boer War in 1900. For some time he held the appointment of Under Secretary of War and Under Secretary of Finance.]

BELGIUM AND HOLLAND. A VEILED THREAT TO THE DUTCH.

BRUSSELS, December 16th.

The Belgian Government has notified Holland that war material, provisions and military workers from France and England would be brought to Belgium via the Scheldt. They say that Holland cannot object in view of the Dutch permission to the retreating Germans to traverse Limburg.

DISTRESS IN INDIA. GOVERNMENT TAKING RELIEF MEASURES.

DELHI, December 12th.

In a speech, the Viceroy stated that scarcity and distress were anticipated in many areas in India. The Government were taking relief measures.

THE TURKISH ARMISTICE. SAID PASHA TO SURRENDER.

LONDON, December 13th.

Reuter learns that Said Pasha, commander of the Turkish troops operating in the Aden Hinterland, and his Staff, are surrendering.

DANISH NAVAL DISASTER. TORPEDO-BOAT STRIKES A MINE.

STOCKHOLM, December 15th.

A Danish torpedo-boat struck a mine. Seven were killed and four wounded.

AMERICA'S CORN YIELD. SMALLEST FOR FIVE YEARS.

NEW YORK, December 13th.

It is officially announced that the corn yield is the smallest for the last five years.

EARLIER CABLES.

WAR HISTORY.

HOW GERMANY BULLIED AUSTRIA.

NEW YORK, December 12th.

An Associated Press Correspondent interviewed Count Czernin at Vienna when Count Czernin said that Austria in 1917 had made desperate efforts to get out of the war even to the extent of offering Galicia, the richest coal and oil province of the Empire, to Germany, if the latter would surrender Alsace Lorraine, but Germany rejected this proposal.

General von Ludendorff was even willing to declare war against Austria, if the latter made a separate peace.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, December 12th.

Montagu's report states that the tone of the silver market is good. There was a fall in the price of 5/10ths of a penny since December 6th, due to the reduction in the rates of insurance from America.

An Order-in-Council removes the embargo on the export of articles wholly or partly composed of silver. This will doubtless tend to increase the demand for silver in England.

"FREEDOM OF THE SEAS." LEARNED DISSERTATION BY VISCOUNT GREY.

LONDON, December 17th.

Viscount Grey, speaking at Dowbury, said he saw no reason whatever why the naval policies of the United States and Great Britain should not be comparatively easy, provided the people on both sides were perfectly frank and did not allow misunderstandings to grow up regarding what each meant.

A question closely connected was the question of the freedom of the seas, which was not a German but an American phrase. The Germans adopted it and used it for their own purposes in a sense and with an intention to which we could never have agreed. Hence its unpopularity. There was no need to anticipate any difficulty about an agreement regarding its meaning until President Wilson came to discuss it with our Government.

Viscount Grey, continuing, said: If it meant the freedom of the seas in peace-time, we agreed.

The United States had some rule forbidding foreign ships to carry goods between the United States and the Philippines. Some other countries had a similar rule. We never had such a rule. We ought to receive a little more recognition than we do, for the fact is we never used the British Naval power in peace time to make the use of the seas easier for ourselves without making it simultaneously easier for others on the same terms.

If it was a question of the freedom of the seas in war time, Viscount Grey pointed out that the United States co-operated in making the blockade complete, and without such co-operation we might have lost the war.

LATER.

It was impossible that the United States should now take up the line that if we had again to deal with Germany the blockade cannot be allowed. That would stultify everything done in this war. It was an insult to suggest that the United States would, in the future, advocate any course inconsistent with the complete blockade of an offending power.

Probably President Wilson's idea was that the freedom of the seas should be secured for any nation observing the convention of the League of Nations, and denied to any nation breaking that covenant. If so, then the League of Nations was the solution of the whole question.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO.")

THE FORCES IN THE TWO KWANGS.

Shum Chan-huen has reported to the Peking Government that there are five divisions, or 174 regiments, of troops in Kwangtung, and Luk Wing-ting has reported that there are three divisions, or 146 regiments, in Kwangsi.

SZCHUEN AND TIBET.

An armistice has been signed between Szechuen and Tibet for one year.

THE ALLIES AND THE CHINESE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Allied Ministers will depute the Allied Consuls in the place where the Chinese Peace Conference is held to watch the negotiations.

PRO-GERMANS DEPART.

The Dutch and Danish Ministers have left Peking for home.

CANTON NEWS.

(BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO.")

CANTON, December 17th.

CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY.

A merchant has requested the Military Government to allow him to construct a railway between Canton and Macao. He states that he has formed a syndicate with a capital of two million dollars. He has been directed to comply with the preliminary regulations of the Chinese and Portuguese authorities.

The construction of the railway between Yeung-kong and Yan-ping, which was commenced some months ago, is being interrupted by the Szechuen Railway Company on the ground that it adversely affects their line. The magistrates of the Szechuen and Yan-ping districts have been requested to mediate in the matter.

CANTON TRADE. Business is very dull indeed, and it is feared that a large number of shops will be driven to bankruptcy.

REHABILITATION OF BANK-NOTES.

The Civil Governor called a number of the principal merchants to his office yesterday to consult them as to the best means of rehabilitating the bank-notes. It was decided to form a syndicate with a capital of two million dollars to buy up the notes at a discount, and then put them to the market at their face value. It is said that one million dollars were raised at the meeting, and the Governor has ordered another meeting to be held on Friday.

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"SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING CO. CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

The annual general meeting of the members of the "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited was held at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, E.C.4, on October 24th, Sir Marcus Samuel, Bt. (the chairman), presiding.

The Chairman said: Ladies and Gentlemen. In presenting to you the profit and loss account and balance-sheet of this company for the year ended December 31st, 1917, I propose to deal, first, with the figures upon the debit side.

The item of interest on loans, £95,870 3s. 1d. arose almost entirely from the debt by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., for interest due to them on the loan they had made us in connection with the purchase of the shares in the "Shell" Company of California. I am sure you will be glad to know that the realisation of certain of our assets by sale to the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij has enabled us to discharge this debt, and consequently this debit will not appear in future balance-sheets.

The depreciation on investments has again required £19,297 10s. because it has been our practice to write off as depreciation the fall in the market value of securities as shown at December 31st, whilst we never write up any recovered depreciation. In consequence of this sound policy, a revaluation of our investments at the present time would show a large margin on the right side. (Hear, hear.)

Unclaimed dividends, as at December 31st amounted to £279,086 10s., but we sincerely hope that the deliverance of France and Belgium from the German yoke will enable the unfortunate shareholders in those countries to obtain these arrears. Nothing will give us greater pleasure than to make the payment to them. (Hear, hear.)

Dividends during the year (involving an additional 914,659 Ordinary shares as compared with the previous year) absorbed £1,949,410 17s. 6d. against £1,529,015 14s. in 1916, whilst we carry forward, subject to provision for excess profits tax, £1,239,032 0s. 2d. (Cheers.)

THE YEAR'S REVENUE.

Turning to the credit side, we derived £119,003 10s. 10d. from interest during the year, whilst dividends from sundry companies and other credits, less debits, gave £2,565,538 8s. 7d. as against £1,613,784 8s. 8d. in the previous year. These were not all trading profits. A sum of £294,751 15s. 8d. was derived from profit on the sale of certain assets, namely, our holdings in Russian companies which were sold to the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij. Such an item is not likely to recur during the current year. Necessarily, no dividends were received from any of the companies situated in Russia and Roumania from which we derived income in 1916. I am sanguine enough to anticipate that given a return to normal conditions in Russia and Roumania, we may again anticipate some returns from those countries. (Hear, hear.)

You will observe that no less than £2,581,000 of our investments consist of National War Securities, your directors deeming it their duty to assist the finance of the war to the utmost of their power. (Hear, hear.)

In the report which has been circulated to you, you will have noticed that, since 1907, the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij and the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., have written off for depreciation £11,593,583 (hear, hear)—whilst the fire and marine insurance fund of the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij now amounts to £2,298,086, and the war risk insurance fund stands at £97,000. I addressed you so recently upon the general aspect of your business that there is very little to add on the present occasion. Our relations with the Burma Oil Company continue on the most cordial footing, and by co-ordinating our resources we have been able to assist national aims. (Hear, hear.)

It will be of interest to you to know that we produce no less than 80,000 tons of paraffin wax per annum, of which a very large proportion is in the shape of candles manufactured in factories spread throughout the world. The high quality of wax produced in the East Indies makes ideal candles, so that the reputation of "Shell" candles has become firmly established. Indeed, under present circumstances the demand exceeds the supply.

This brings me to another side of the question. I have to inform you that the petrol now delivered by us on behalf of the Pool Board is not "Shell" spirit, of which, under present conditions, none is available for the British public. This is an object lesson which I am quite certain will be appreciated when the happy day arrives at which "Shell" can be obtained again.

The magnitude of this business, and particularly its British character, will be more fully realised when I tell you that from our companies throughout the world no less than 1,000 of the men of the staffs have now joined the British Army and that of the United States, including a contingent of 100 men from our Australian Colonies.

DIVIDEND PROSPECTS.

For many years it has been my pleasant task to assure you of the continued prosperity of the business. (Hear, hear.) I am permitted to tell you that the profits for 1918 promise largely to exceed those which I have expounded to you (hear, hear) but I must repeat what I have already stated, that the burdens of taxation are now so great and so constantly increasing in all countries as to render it improbable that any much greater sum than that distributed during the current year will be available for dividend purposes. Nevertheless, the great growth in the use of all petroleum products leads us to hope that after the war, when we recover our full liberty of producing, shipping, and marketing (which is hampered in a thousand ways during the war), our shareholders will reap in full measure the reward of their enterprise and industry. I formally move the adoption of the report and accounts. (Cheers.)

Mr. H. W. A. Deterding: I beg to second the resolution.

The motion was at once unanimously agreed to.

APPRECIATION OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bt., M.P.: This meeting is rather later than usual; we generally have our meeting in the autumn, but we understand that the reason for the delay was the difficulty in getting arrangements fixed with the Government auditors and people of that kind. The delay, however, has not been to the disadvantage of the shareholders, for what is the position in which we find ourselves? We have the number of our shares largely increased, yet, extraordinary to say, the public appreciation of the value of those shares, as shown by the Stock Exchange quotations, has not been seriously affected, and therefore more or less these shares are a free gift and an increase of the wealth of each individual shareholder. We are all glad that that should be so, and I feel that we should like to express that in our thanks to the board of directors. (Hear, hear.)

INCREASED USES OF OIL.

I feel certain that the use of oil for the purpose of every kind of production of power, and particularly at sea, will increase by leaps and bounds. Our American cousins have shown that they think so, for within the last few days no fewer than thirty-six new ships have been ordered to be built in American which will be propelled by oil engines as distinguished from coal engines. That is the future largely pioneered by this company and by a sister company which was promoted by our chairman. It is becoming recognised by shipowners that oil engines for propulsion are the machinery of the future for navigation, and therefore, looking at that point and various other points, I feel quite hopeful that the value of our shares will be maintained by the continued and even increased prosperity of the oil trade, and particularly of the Shell Company. Therefore, Sir, I ask your leave to move, on behalf of all my fellow-shareholders that the very cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the chairman and the board of directors for their successful efforts in the interests of the company. (Cheers.)

The vote was unanimously accorded, and after the Chairman had replied, the proceedings terminated.

A NEW CHINESE LOAN.

Underwriting arrangements were made in London on October 8th (says *The Times*), in connection with an issue of exceptional interest. China, which has not appeared in this market as a borrower since 1913, is raising a loan of £800,000. The terms of the issue are quite novel. The bonds will bear 8 per cent. interest, and the price of issue will be 100. Redemption will be effected by annual drawings at par during the last five years of the currency of the loan. The yield on the loan, allowing for the loss on redemption, is approximately 8 1/2 per cent., a rate which, of course, is very attractive when compared with the yields obtainable on the existing Chinese Loans. Not the least interesting feature connected with the loan is that it has been negotiated, we understand, through Mr. Birch Crisp. This circumstance will revive memories of the occasion when, despite the opposition of very powerful interests in the City, and the discouragement of the Foreign Office, Mr. Crisp successfully floated a loan for China independently of the great houses usually associated with Chinese finance. Needless to say, the forthcoming issue is being made under the sanction of both the Foreign Office and the Treasury.

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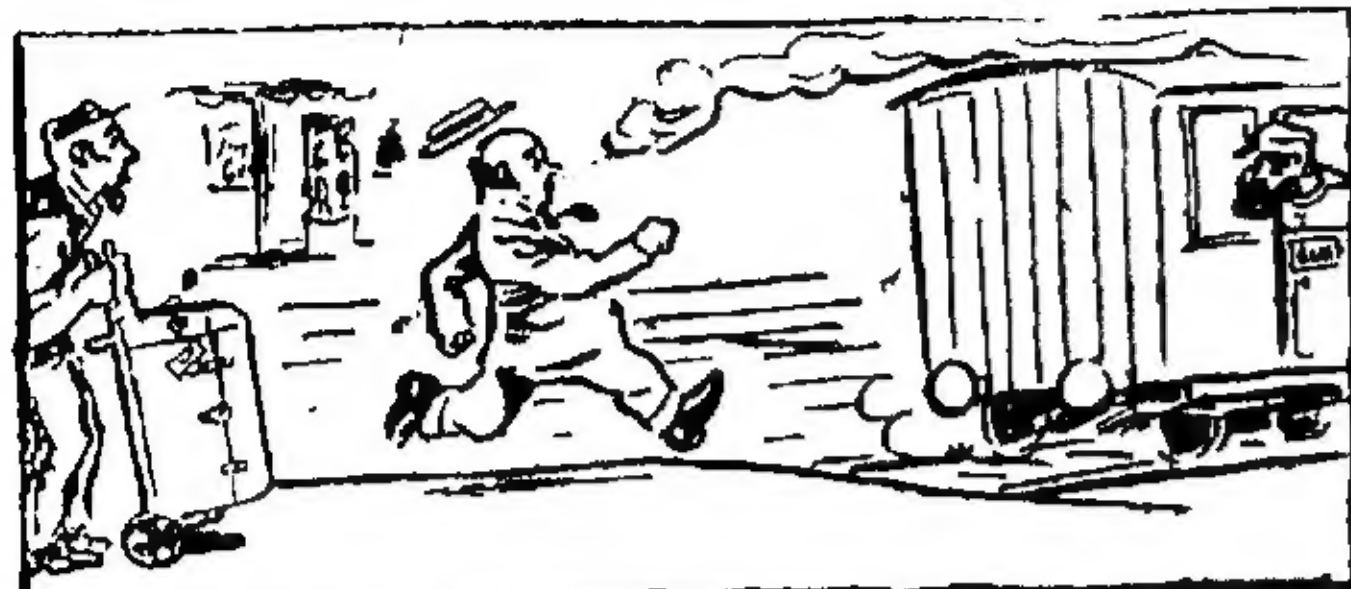
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"Count the Indians on the road"

We have just received a shipment of 1918 BIG TWINS with Electric equipment! Price has been reduced to \$580—the lowest it has ever been. Later shipments will be higher in price. Next year's Indian will be exactly the same as the 1918 model.

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HE missed the train through putting off to the last minute. Don't you miss the WAR BOND DRAWING through the same cause.

Going for a home trip, are you? Well, any of the first six prizes will ensure a most enjoyable one.

The winning number may be a high one. Buy it before another gets it.

If all the tickets are sold one prize alone will be about £4,000. It's worth an effort.

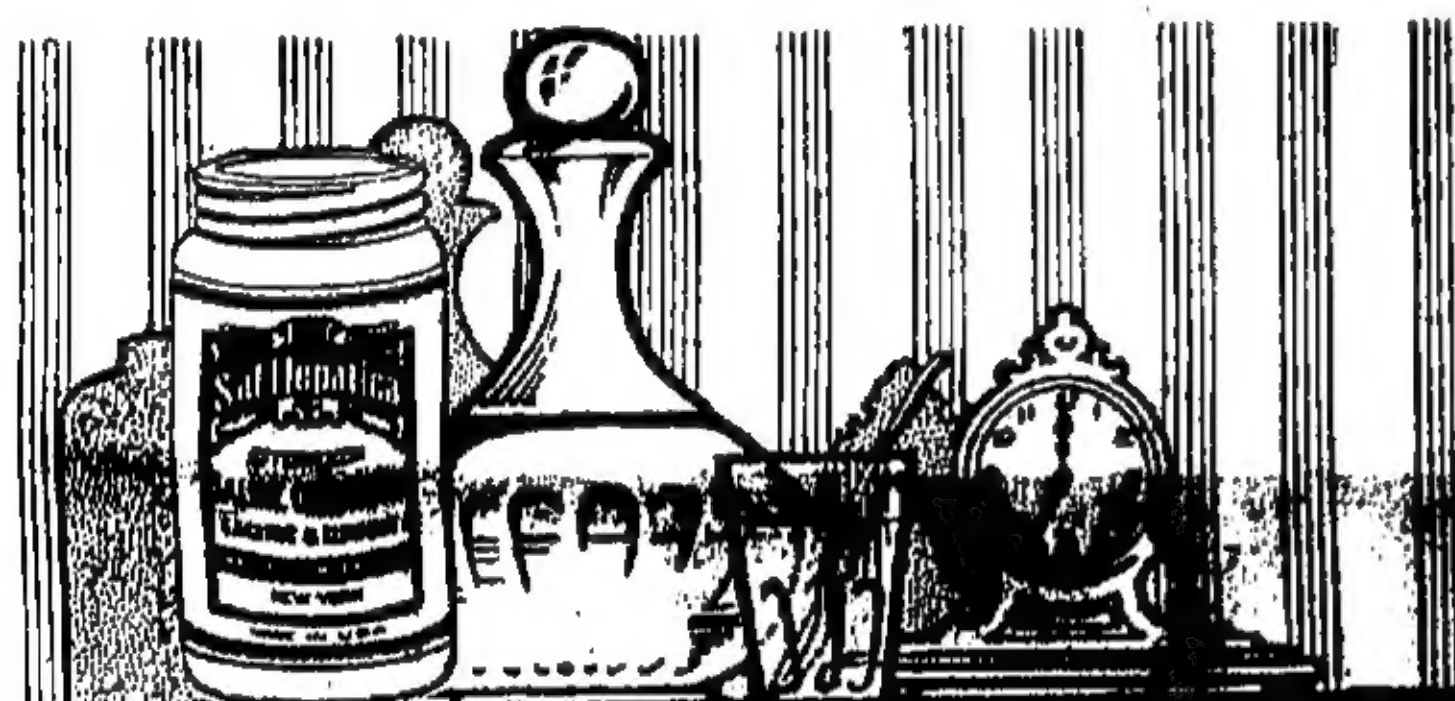
The last winning number was 11,820. The next one might be 40,000. You'd be sorry if you just missed it.

Celebrate Victory. Buy another ticket; you'll never see another Victory like it.

BUY ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY WAR BOND DRAWING TICKETS and BUY NOW

\$5 a ticket. On Sale at all Banks, Hotels, Clubs & Stores.

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A little Sal Hepatica taken the first thing in the morning has proved with millions of people practically a specific for sluggish bowels and other intestinal ailments. Mild and palatable, Sal Hepatica can be taken freely by every one, and is always effective.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"POLYPHEMUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 14th December.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st December will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 14th, 1918.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer

"KWAIRANG"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 17th inst. at Noon will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 11th, 1918. [2785]

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

December 16th

Atsuta Maru, Japanese str., 2,176 tons, Capt. Masamoto, from Fremantle and Sourabaya, with a cargo of sandal wood.

Haru Maru, Japanese str., 1,098 tons, Capt. Masamoto, from Chung Wan Tiao, with a cargo of coal.

Matsunaga Maru, Japanese str., 1,090 tons, Capt. Oya, from Kobe, with a general cargo.

Yamashita Maru, Japanese str., 1,093 tons, Capt. Hansen, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice.

December 17th

Chung Yu, Chinese str., 558 tons, Capt. Weatherhead, from Haiphong, with a cargo of rice.

Chuan Maru, Japanese str., 1,230 tons, Capt. Fujita, from Samarat, with a cargo of sugar.

Dejager, Norwegian str., 1,102 tons, Capt. Hogarth, from Java, with a cargo of sugar.

Hanuman Maru, Japanese str., 1,897 tons, Capt. Iwata, from Muko, with a cargo of coal.

Huangfu, Chinese str., 607 tons, Captain Sakurada, from Haiphong, with a cargo of rice.

Hung Yu, French str., 292 tons, Captain Nield, from Haiphong, with a general cargo.

Nippon, British str., 3,334 tons, Captain Salmon, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.

Senator, American str., 1,450 tons, Capt. Capitelli, from Tegal, Java, with a cargo of sugar.

Shanghai, Chinese str., 767 tons, Capt. Morimoto, from Dairen, with a cargo of beans.

Wing Sang, British str., 1,424 tons, from Shanghai with a general cargo.

CLEARANCES

December 17th

Bourbon, for Saigon.

Brisbane, for Haiphong.

Chuan Yu, for Haiphong.

Chuan Maru, for Moji.

Chuan Maru, for Victoria.

Haitan, for Funchow.

Hung Yu, for Haiphong.

Kwai Sang, for Calcutta.

Luchan, for Bangkok.

Rotorua, for Hongkong.

Seattle Maru, for Buenos Aires.

Stentor, for Singapore.

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Takuma Maru, for Bangkok.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	SENTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
MARSEILLES	GANGES MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES & LONDON via S'PORE, PENANG & C'HO KO	MOON MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd Feb.
LONDON or LPOOL via S'PORE, PENANG & C'HO KO	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, & C	SHINJO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SAN FRANCISCO, & C	BILLTON	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	On 22nd inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, & C	VEREDELIA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 31st inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN & C	NARBING	Am. str.	—	—	CHINA MAIL S.S. Co., LTD.	On 9th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	MONTAGLE	—	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC O.S. L.	On 24th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, & C	FUSHIMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 11 a.m.
VIETNAM, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, & C	MEXICO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 3 p.m.
VAL PARAISO via JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO & C	YUNO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at 11 a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAKEDA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	SUTTING	Brit. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	KALFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	WINGSONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst., at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	NERA	From str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 22nd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI	TAIRANG	Brit. str.	—	—	MESSENGER MARITIMES	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	SINGAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 24th inst., at No. n.
SHANGHAI	DILWARA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 29th inst.
SHANGHAI	BUICOW	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
TSINGTAO, WEIHAWEI & CHERPOO	ROSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY	JOSHIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY	LICHOW	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	HAIRONG	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 24th inst., at 1 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 27th inst., at 1 p.m.
SWATOW, BELEWAN-DELI & PENANG	YAN CLOON	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	On 13th Jan.
MANILA	PALAWAN	Am. str.	—	—	LOXLEY & Co.	About 19th inst.
MANILA	YUNSHANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 20th inst., at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE RANGOON & CALCUTTA	REY WEST	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	About 18th inst.
SINGAPORE	YAN WAERWILCK	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	About 23rd inst.
BOMBAY, COLOMBO via SINGAPORE	KENKEN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at 3 p.m.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	TENBIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Beginning of Jan.
BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO	DILWARA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan.
MACASSAR	TULIWONG	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	About 10th Jan.
BATAVIA	TSEU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at Noon.
BATAVIA	TAIRINI	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LUN	On 30th inst.

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WEATHER REPORT.

December 17th, at 12.10.—No returns from Japan and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased slightly at stations to the north of Swatow, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anti-cyclone probably continues to move eastwards and another anti-cyclone is indicated over N. China. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 101.68 inches, against an average of 82.58 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST.

Hongkong to Gap Rock { N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

Formosa Channel { North winds, fresh.

South Coast of China between { The same as Hongkong and Lanchow { No. 1.

South Coast of China between { The same as Hongkong and Hainan { No. 1.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

DECEMBER 16TH, A.M.

Station.	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Direction.	Force.	Weather
Vladivostok	6 a.	30.20	59	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishigakijima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Johang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	30.10	50	100	WNW	2	of
Qutlaif	—	30.16	48	87	NW	4	o
Sharp Peak	—	30.01	60	85	—	—	—
Amoy	—	—	58	81	S	1	o
Swatow	—	30.03	68	88	SE	1	o
Taichoku	5 a.	30.05	68	86	—	—	—
Taichu	—	30.06	66	—	—	—	—
Tainan	—	30.02	—	—	—	—	—
Koshu	—	30.20	68	—	—	—	—
Pescadores	—	30.04	68	—	—	—	—
Canton	6 a.	30.03	65	96	SE	0	b
Hongkong	—	30.01	68	84	E	3	o
Gap Rock	—	29.99	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	—	29.99	68	87	SE	2	of
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hothow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	—	29.94	78	98	SE	4	rt
Tourane	—	29.94	73	—	—	—	—
Capetown James	—	29.86	73	—	—	—	—
Aparri	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Legazpi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tacloban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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SHANGHAI	"BUYANG"	On 19th Dec. Noon.
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NORE	23rd February.	30th March.	6th April.
NOVARA	9th March.	13th April.	23rd April.

FOR

BOMBAY VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

Steamer	Leave Hongkong about	Due BOMBAY about
DILWARA	10th January.	28th January.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about
DILWARA	29th December.

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DESTINATION	STEAMER & DISPLACEMENT	SAILING DATE
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAMAKURA MARU 12,410 TONS	19th Dec. 11 A.M.
YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU 12,610 TONS	19th Dec. 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU 9,800 TONS	SAT. 21st Dec. 11 A.M.
YOKOHAMA	KITANO MARU 15,880 TONS	SAT. 18th Jan. 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SHINCHIKU MARU 7,000 TONS	24th Dec.
LONDON or LIVERPOOL	KAGA MARU 12,300 TONS	19th Dec. at 11 A.M.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	YOKOHAMA MARU 12,340 TONS	30th Dec. at 11 A.M.
MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, ZAMBUANGA, THURSDAY, IS. TOWNVILLE, BRISBANE & SYDNEY	TANGO MARU 13,760 TONS	31st Dec. at 11 A.M.
NEW YORK VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SAN FRANCISCO and PANAMA CANAL	TENSHIN MARU 8,470 TONS	SAT. 4th Jan.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO		
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON		

§ Omitting Shanghai and/or Moji.

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SHINTO MARU	22,000	THURS., 19th Dec.
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SIBERIA MARU	20,000	30th Jan.
TENYO MARU	22,000	8th Feb.

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Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
KIYO MARU	17,500	Jan., 9th, 1919.

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